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B. C. Fruit In London

Commissioner Palmer in Charge
of Exhibit Makes Report
to Government.A List of the Various Prizes
Won by the Individual
Exhibitors.Agent-General Turner Writes an
Interesting Letter Bearing
on Competition.

HON R. G. TATLOW, minister of finance and agriculture, is in receipt of the following letters, which are self explanatory:

London, Eng., Dec. 7, 1905.

Dear Sir:—I have the honour to enclose herewith for your information a list of the awards given to the Exhibits of British Columbia apples at the recent Colonial Fruit Show held by the Royal Horticultural Society at their Hall, Vincent Square, London, S. W., on the 5th and 6th inst. The results achieved will, I feel sure be very gratifying to yourself and to the fruit growers of the Province. At the close of the exhibition the fruit exhibited was repacked and distributed in over one hundred different lots to various parts of the United Kingdom full particulars of this will be furnished at a later date.

I propose going to Liverpool on the 11th inst., to examine the distribution of the exhibition of that portion of the original consignment which is held in storage at Liverpool. It is intended to release this fruit in Manchester, Glasgow and Dublin. Very great interest has been taken in the recent exhibition both by the general public and by the wholesale and retail fruit dealers of London. Copies of press notices will be forwarded from the office of the Agent General for the province at an early date. The display of fruit is stated to have been the finest ever made in London; and we are receiving hearty congratulations.

The medals awarded will be ready for distribution in two or three weeks time.

(Signed) R. M. PALMER.

List of Awards

given to collections of British Columbia apples at the Colonial Fruit Show held by the Royal Horticultural Society in London, Eng., Dec. 5th and 6th, 1905. The Province of British Columbia, Gold medal; J. C. Gartrell, Trout Creek, B.C., silver gilt Knightian medal; J. R. Brown, Summerland, silver Knightian medal; Thos. W. Stirling, Kelowna, silver gilt Knightian medal; The Coldstream Estate, Vernon, silver gilt Knightian medal; Thos. G. Earl, Lytton, silver gilt Knightian medal; Mrs. J. Smith, Spence's Bridge, silver Knightian medal; Kootenay Fruit Growers' Association, silver Banksian medal; J. L. Pridham, Kelowna, silver Banksian medal.

Agent-General Pleased

Office of the Agent General for British Columbia, Salisbury House, Finsbury Gardens, London, England, Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:—You were informed by cable on 5th inst., of the success of the province, and of the individual exhibitors of B. C. fruit at the show of the Royal Horticulture Society on that date in obtaining one gold medal and eight silver medals.

Mr. Palmer is reporting fully on the show so it is not necessary for me to go into details; I think it right however, for me to say how very admirably Mr. Palmer arranged the fruit for exhibition, he had a great deal of hard work over it being in the hall all day Saturday and Sunday opening the cases and examining and placing the fruit. Having a large lot enabled him to make a really important showing, such as was not possible last year, the result was well worth all the labor and trouble, for the British Columbia display was perfect in arrangement and the beauty and quality of the fruit drew universal admiration and commendation and many eulogiums from the press of London and country.

The success of the individual exhibitors as shown by the medals they won must prove highly satisfactory to us, as it has to me; as I had strongly advised such individual exhibits in my letters of 31st March and 17th May last, and on my representation the secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society sent out circulars for an individual show.

It has been now fully demonstrated to the British public that British Columbia has a good climate and a productive soil, and that its fruit can be sold here so as to give a profit to its growers; though probably not for some time until the supply is greater, the best market for the average fruit will be in the Northwest. It is also now proved to the great fruit brokers here that the province can grow a very high class of fruit of finest quality and beautiful appearance such as is required for the great West End fruit dealers, and for this I have no doubt

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VESSEL WRECKED AND ALL HANDS ARE LOST

British Ship Pass of Melfort Driven Ashore at Entrance to Barclay Sound and Entire Crew of Twenty-Five Men Reported Drowned---Three Bodies Washed Ashore.

BRITISH bark Pass of Melfort was lost with all on board on the West Coast of Vancouver Island on Tuesday night. She was bound from Ancon, which port was left on October 27th in ballast for Port Townsend, was endeavoring to make her way into the straits during the heavy southwest gale of Tuesday night when she was driven off to a leeward shore about a quarter of a mile east of Amphitrite point at the western entrance to Barkley sound. The ship struck the outlying reefs and the tremendous seas soon pounded the steel bark to pieces.

Bodies of the unfortunate crew were being washed ashore when A. H. Lynch of Ucluelet telephoned the news of the disaster to Capt. James Gaudin, local agent of marine. His despatch reads:

"Vessel went ashore last night quarter mile east of Amphitrite point. One body recovered dressed in oil skins and overalls; two more seen washing in the surf, impossible to reach. Several ship's buckets marked 'Pass of Melfort' barometer, some cable wreckage, boat hooks, smashed boats, figurehead of a woman painted white and much wreckage in small rocky bay. No wreckage on either side. Opinion vessel very close shore. Two spars visible, washing about, evidently anchored. Torn paper with name John Houston, apparently part of log book, large photograph of fifteen men

taken at break of poop, evidently Captain, apprentices and some of crew. Everything possible being done to recover more bodies."

The Pass of Melfort is a large steel four-masted bark which has been seen as had many of her sister ships, in this port. She was last reported by Capt. Olson of the British ship Brodick Castle now in Royal Roads which latter vessel was also endangered when making her way into the straits during the heavy gale. The Pass of Melfort sailed by the Brodick Castle when in the latitude of southern California and Capt. Olson expected to find that the Pass of Melfort had arrived here before him.

The Brodick Castle's experiences when making her way into the straits shows how the Pass of Melfort met her fate in the darkness during the terrible gale. The Brodick Castle drove before the wind with her lower topsails and main upper sails and foresail, and Capt. Olson says he was in great danger. As he said yesterday: "It was the toughest bit of sailing I have ever done." The Pass of Melfort when making in toward the entrance to the straits had been caught by the fierce squalls accompanied by heavy downpour and lightning and was carried toward the Island coast, toward which the high seas and currents were setting. Off Amphitrite point, at the westerly entrance to Barkley sound

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High Honors For Dead Minister

First Class Battleship Dominion
Will Convey Remains to
Halifax.The French Government Offers
Military Funeral to Late
Canadian.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTAWA, Dec. 27.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier this afternoon cabled the cabinet's acceptance of the offer of the British admiralty to send H. M. S. Dominion to Halifax with the remains of the late Hon. R. Prentoutaine. Before the offer could be accepted several matters had to be considered and cablesgrams were exchanged with the colonial office. Arrangements as to the date of sailing and such like will be made with Soldier-General Lemieux in France. The honor conferred on the late minister is considered a very high one. The vessel is selected on account of its name, and it happens to be a first-class battleship. A similar distinction marked the funeral of Sir John Thompson, whose remains were sent across the sea on a British cruiser.

Lord Tweedmouth's Offer

Following is a copy of a telegram received by Sir Wilfrid Laurier:

"London, Dec. 27.—We have heard with deep regret of the death of your colleague, Mr. Raymond Prentoutaine, Canadian minister of marine, with whom the admiralty have been so recently in such cordial relationship, and I beg to offer His Majesty's battleship, the Dominion, to convey the remains to Halifax, Nova Scotia, if agreeable to your government. The Dominion would be at Cherbourg on January 12 for this purpose, and reach Halifax January 22." (Signed) Tweedmouth, First Lord Admiralty.

Answer to the Admiralty

The answer is: "To Lord Tweedmouth, Admiralty, London: Accepting your offer of the Dominion to convey the remains of your late lamented colleague from Cherbourg to Halifax. Would be pleased to accept, but I would ask you to consult Soldier-General Lemieux, now in Paris, and ascertain from him if date would be convenient." (Signed) Laurier.

The French government has offered a military funeral to the late minister, a compliment which is highly gratifying.

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WELL KNOWN EDITOR DEAD.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Wildman Purcell, for many years editor of the Union and Advertiser, died this evening. He had not been actively engaged in newspaper work since 1900.

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FIRES LIGHT LANDSCAPE.

American Reaches St. Petersburg and Tells of Sight on Route.

St. Petersburg, Monday, Dec. 25.—Vaya Bytkuhnen, Dec. 27.—W. E. Smith a well-known American resident of St. Petersburg, who arrived here today from Berlin, reports that 80,000 armed insurgents from the Baltic provinces have occupied the railroad between Reitza and Pskoff, and that the whole country is lighted up by fires from burning residences. He says that the insurgents who are well armed, and who have a battery of machine guns announced that they are "annexing" the region to the "Lithuanian Republic."

Rich landed proprietors and their families boarded the train at Pskoff with nothing but hand satchels. They told Mr. Smith that they were glad to escape alive.

A despatch from Pskoff, in the north-west of Russia, Dec. 26 says that armed Letts who crossed the line of the railroad, after burning and pilaging estates and tearing down images and other sacred relics in the churches, retreated to the eastward, and that troops from St. Petersburg were pursuing them.

GETS LIFE IMPRISONMENT:

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 27.—Charles Darlo, who shot Stephen Binko, on the night of September 23d, during a street fight was found guilty of murder in the second degree today and Judge Rorabach sentenced him to life imprisonment.

FOR COAL FERRY.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 27.—The directors of the Pennsylvania company at their meeting today approved a joint agreement between that company, the Canadian Pacific and J. W. Ellsworth, of Cleveland, for the operation of a car ferry service between Ashtabula, Ohio and Port Burwell, Ont., whereby the Canadian Pacific will be enabled to get its supplies of coal for its locomotives and for other purposes.

OFFICERS TO BE PROSECUTED.

PRINCIPALS IN SOUTH AFRICAN WAR STORES SCANDAL TO BE TRIED.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The war office, on the advice of the royal commission, headed by Mr. Justice Farwell of the British high court of justice, now sitting in South Africa, has ordered the prosecution of the officers concerned in the South African war stores scandal.

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STRUCK BY TYPHOON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Barbary Eccles, who sailed from Manila October 20, for Port Townsend, put into port today in distress, having run into a heavy gale off Cape Flattery. Her deck cargo had shifted her fresh water supply was exhausted and her engine room was full of water.

The British ship Scottish Lochs, with coal from Cardiff for Bremerton, reached port this morning, 142 days out. Sunday, when thirty miles off Cape Beale, August Rollan, a sailor, was knocked off his feet, breaking his neck.

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ANOTHER VESSEL DISABLED.

STEAMER CAMELEON, a harbor steamer, this port, was being towed in by the steamer Chelmsford. An accident to the Aeneas' main hoist disabled the vessel.

PACIFIC ISLANDS FOR SALE.

AN ADVERTISEMENT appearing in a local paper offers for sale the freehold of Fanning and Washington Islands, in the South Pacific, under instructions of the registrar of the British high commissioner's court for the Western Pacific. Fanning Island is well known. It used to be a port of call for the Oceanic steamers plying between this city and the Australian ports and the Canadian Pacific steamers now stop there on their way up from the colonies.

JEFFRIES HAS RETIRED.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Jas. J. Jeffries announces he will pay no attention to the challenge of "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien, to fight him for the heavy weight championship of the world. "I have retired for good and shall pay no attention to challenges from anybody," said Jeffries.

N. P. R. PLAN 'FRISCO LINE.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Northern Pacific Railroad company's plans, on completion of the north bank road into Portland is to put on two immense passenger and freight steamers between this city and San Francisco. The steamers, will carry 500 passengers and will average in speed twenty knots.

THE STRANDED PORTLAND.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—The crew of steamship Portland arrived



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Vessel Wrecked All Hands Lost

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The scene of the wreck is within a quarter of a mile of the location of the whistling buoy not long ago placed off Amphibrite point. On his last trip from the Island coast shortly before Christmas, Capt. Townsend of the steamer Queen City reported that the whistling buoy had disappeared, and the Canadian steamer Quadra was sent to search for the missing buoy on Thursday last. The government steamer returned Saturday without having found any trace of the missing buoy.

The Pass of Melfort was a four-masted steel bark, built at the Fairfield yards at Glasgow, under Lloyd's inspection, in 1891, for Gibson & Clark, owners of the fleet of sailing ships bearing the names of different passes. The vessel was 298.8 feet long, 44 feet beam and 24.5 feet deep. She had a steel deck, sheathed with wood, and two tiers of beams. Her gross tonnage was 2,346 and net tonnage 1,220.

It is learned that the name John Houston on a piece of paper, as mentioned in the despatch from Colombo, is that of her previous master, who took charge when the vessel was built. Captain Cougall was in charge of the bark on her ill-fated voyage.

There are four other vessels of Gibson & Clark, and one is at present bound to Colombo. The other vessels of the company are the Pass of Louy and Pass of Balmaha. The Pass of Louy has been chartered to lead lumber at Chelmsford, but, being delayed, the Pass of Balmaha, now en route from Salinas Cruz, was substituted.

REMODELING NANAIMO MILL.

Plant to Be Made One of Finest in the Province—Herring Fishing.

Nanaimo, Dec. 27.—W. Mansie of Victoria and J. S. Emerson of Vancouver, who are heavily interested in the Nanaimo Lumber Company, are here today to discuss plans for remodeling the mill into one of the best plants in British Columbia. The E. & N. connection with the mill still hangs fire. The Western Fuel Company, which controls most of the property along the proposed route, has protested against the construction of the branch. At a conference between the colliery company and the management of the mill, held today, the entire matter was gone into, but the conclusion arrived at was not divulged.

The boom of logs seized from the tug Sea Lion the other day is still held, pending instructions from the government. It was no clear that the whole affair was a mistake on the part of the camp foreman as to the routing of the boom.

Depleting Herring Fisheries.

There is considerable indignation among local fishermen at the methods employed by Japanese in catching their haul in the harbor, which is claimed to be rapidly depleting the supply. Inspector Taylor has been asked to protect this industry and has under consideration the prohibition of all fishing in certain parts of the harbor. The Japanese have a large force for the last few days working here and have caught immense quantities of fish.

Last night the catch of one firm ran as high as 150 tons. The catch was made with a drag net, and knowing as if by instinct the best places in the harbor, these fishermen seldom return without a good catch. The Nanaimo Fishing Company, on the other hand, use a gill net, and where their nets will catch one fish the Japanese catch a hundred. In looking over four hundred weight of fish, Mr. Miller, foreman of the Nanaimo Fisheries Company, said that there was hardly a bucketful that could be caught in his nets. He had not picked one third of the amount he intended this year, owing to the inability of his men to catch the fish.

(Signed). J. H. TURNER.

RUSSIAN FINANCE.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—The budget for 1906 estimates the ordinary revenue at \$50,000,000 in excess of the ordinary expenditure, but shows that the government will require \$130,000,000 additional to liquidate the war expenditure. The Emperor has signed a ukase empowering the minister of finance to issue \$200,000,000 short term gold bonds for sale abroad, not any of which, however, are yet known to have been taken.

THREE NEGROES KILLED.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 27.—In a battle between a posse of white men and three negroes near Williams cross roads, Choctaw county, Alabama, last night, two negroes were killed and the third captured.

JOHN BURNS' DEBUT.

Labor Member of Cabinet Makes a Characteristically Vigorous Speech.

London, Dec. 27.—John Burns, president of the local government board, made his first public address since his entry to the cabinet, when he opened the election campaign at Battersea tonight. In a characteristically courageous speech he said his accession to office was the elevation of his constituents to power—the honor was theirs, but the work was for him. He declared that he would pander to no section of the people, but would do his duty for the benefit of the whole community.

Mr. Burns said he had such strong sympathy with all the interests of the working classes that he had no sympathy to spare for the boor, eader or drunkard. His ideal was fewer workhouses, larger wages, more pleasure and less drinking.

In the smaller cities and at the larger villages he said he was already appointing committees to enable the ratepayers to have their accounts prepared in such a way that he who ran might read.

He vigorously attacked what he called "oriental imperialism" of which Somaliland was the fruit and South Africa the rotten ripe product. He denounced Chinese labor as being politically dangerous because it would lead to "absolute chattered slavery."

The information of other papers is that while admitting that the revolutionists are showing signs of exhaustion they do not regard the issue as decided.

Moscow's Death Roll

An Independent Estimate Places Casualties in Ancient Capital at 15,000.

Arms of the Revolutionists Said to Come From Germany and Belgium.

Revolts Being Put Down by Military With Merciless Hand.

MACHINIST KILLED.

JAMES HAZEN HYDE DEPARTS.

Former Juggler of Equitable Surplus Leaves for That Dear Paris.

New York, Dec. 27.—James Hazen Hyde will sail tomorrow for Havre. He will go to Paris for an indefinite period.

AMERICAN ARISTOCRACY.

Daughter of Unhappy Princess Colonna Weds French Count.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Princess Blanca Colonna, daughter of Princess Stiglino and granddaughter of Mrs. John W. Mackay, widow of the late "Bonanza" king, was married today to Count Jules de Bonvouloir at the church of St. Honore de Yvel.

The employees of the Rizna Ural railroad struck today.

The Narshchney and a dozen satirical papers have been suppressed and their offices closed up by the police.

Interior Minister Duranov has issued an order directing the removal of all officials of the ministry of the interior who are actively participating in the socialist campaign. Among others are four editors of the official Russian news agency.

The Bourse Gazette announced that Prince Peter A. Kropotkin, the famous revolutionary leader, is on his way to St. Petersburg, being free under amnesty decree to return to Russia.

SCHEONECTADY, Dec. 27.—Albert Hildebrandt, a machinist, was struck and killed by an engine today while on his way to work. He is survived by a wife and three children.

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Result of First Grand Prize Drawing, Dec. 20th, at J. M. Nagano & Co's 61 Douglas Street, Balmoral Block:

1.	233	26	1,700	51	287	50	807
2.	2,554	28	1,103	52	372	78	178
3.	452	29	1,506	53	371	84	2,307
4.	1,246	30	2,301	54	214	79	1,632
5.	1,247	30	2,301	55	2,253	80	1,973
6.	2,799	31	656	56	2,273	81	1,592
7.	272	32	1,997	57	479	82	2,630
8.	2,647	33	592	58	1,428	83	963
9.	751	34	1,848	59	1,436	84	803
10.	1,380	35	1,503	60	1,428	85	2,141
11.	1,632	36	563	61	154	86	1,762
12.	2,550	37	629	62	326	87	1,179
13.	1,088	38	2,621	63	2,470	88	2,428
14.	1,386	39	2,442	64	1,030	89	599
15.	1,218	40	1,700	65	480	90	540
16.	1,572	41	2,312	66	1,552	91	1,414
17.	2,240	42	784	67	1,921	92	1,061
18.	2,268	43	1,082	68	1,133	93	1,148
19.	1,758	44	1,082	69	2,645	94	2,551
20.	1,633	45	2,605	70	1,000	95	2,242
21.	1,474	46	185	71	900	96	1,212
22.	1,270	47	1,187	72	2,496	97	1,471
23.	363	48	2,146	73	2,292	98	1,471
24.	1,046	49	2,548	74	2,452	99	1,753
25.	2,663	50	2,614	75	2,481	100	1,817

JAPANESE FANCY GOODS

NEW YEAR'S SALE

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FIFTY prizes, ranging in value from \$75 down to 50¢, to be drawn for January 20. Every purchaser to the value of 50¢ receives a numbered ticket, entitling the holder to a draw for these prizes. The first prize is a very large and handsome Japanese vase.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

DIED

HICKS.—At the family residence, 90 Menzies street, on the 27th instant, Helen, the beloved wife of Captain Robert Hicks, a native of Paisley, Scotland, in 78th year of her age.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above, on Friday, December 29, at 2:30 o'clock.

Friends please accept this intimation.

WANTED—Two furnished housekeeping rooms with use of kitchen. Apply Box 415 Colonist.

WANTED—By single gentleman, room and partial board in private family, not more than seven minutes' walk from post office. Box 116 Colonist.

WANTED—Mother's help or young girl for light housework. Mrs. Hanham, Elford street.

WANTED—Position as governess or companion, or care of children not under three years of age; thoroughly experienced and capable. Miss Nauhan, Post Office, Victoria, B. C.

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Wreckage on Island Coast

Boats, Mast of Schooner and Lifebuoys Washed Ashore Indicate Disasters.

Dulwich Chartered to Run on Mexican Coast—Machinery for New Princess.

News was received yesterday from the lightkeeper at Carmannah, whose home high on Carmannah Point overlooks a section of the Island coast that has been called the graveyard of ships, that much more wreckage had been washed ashore, following that previously reported, indicating that accident, if not disaster, had befallen a schooner, if not also another vessel, off the entrance to the straits. The wreckage found includes two sealing boats painted lead color outside, and brown, like an oak stain, inside; a small hatch with a scuttle of fir, which seems to have come from a schooner with two companions; a schooner's mast with some wire rigging attached; a large teakwood ship's boat with long oars, evidently from a British-built sailing vessel; parts of several lifebuoys, with but part of the name-letters showing; a ten-gallon water keg lashed in its bed, with a star painted red and white on top; a lot of empty cases marked "Wilson Bros." an empty oil barrel and some miscellaneous wreckage.

There were three pieces of lifebuoys. On one were the letters "P.O." followed by a space as though three letters had been erased, and then came the letters "I.U." This was found five miles east of Carmannah and six miles east was another part of a lifebuoy with the words "Of Newcastle," while at Bonilla Point another part of a lifebuoy was found with the letters "P.O." alone showing. All these were evidently fresh-painted and seemingly not long in the water. Lloyd's index and various registers of the world's shipping, all of which are practically complete, have no names of vessels listed with "P.O." as their initial letters, which correspond with the letters on the buoy.

Capt. Grant of the Victoria Sealing Company says the description of the sealing boats is similar to those of the missing schooner Fawn, and the hatch found is one such as was placed on the schooner. Collating the various reports of wreckage found this winter in the vicinity of Carmannah, it would seem that there was some foundation for the theory that the Fawn had been crippled by the gale encountered on October 8-9 when en route from Behring Sea and had again been overtaken by a gale when nearing the straits and there met destruction when nearing port. The schooner has long since given up as lost.

Nothing is clear with regard to the other wreckage, however. It may have been swept from the decks of a vessel off the coast, or it may possibly indicate that a marine disaster had taken place. The fact that the trend of current in the North Pacific is such that all wreckage and other flotsam caught in the currents which sweep northward from latitudes even south of San Francisco is carried northward, mostly to the island coast in the vicinity of Carmannah, makes it difficult to form any idea as to what is indicated by the presence of the quantity of wreckage now found and that recently washed ashore, which included a hatch marked 5902, and other unmarked wreckage.

DULWICH CARTERED.

Will Run on the Mexican Coast With the Hounslow.

British steamer Dulwich, Capt. Dudley, which stranded at Esquimalt on Christmas night and was floated in the early morning as told yesterday, has been chartered on a time charter by the Mexican government on similar terms to the British steamer Houndslow, which recently passed from Victoria to Acapulco. The Dulwich is chartered on a time charter to run on the Mexican coast in connection with the Totonantepantla railway. She has been ordered to proceed to Acapulco, and will go south as soon as any repairs necessary because of her recent stranding are made. The steamer was surveyed yesterday, but the report of the surveyors will not be made until today. It is not thought that she has been severely injured. There are two steamers of the same owners about due here from the Orient, the steamer Isleworth, from Yokohama and the Tottenham from Moji. The Tottenham is be-

lieved to be chartered to carry cargo from Portland.

SUBMARINE SIGNALS.

Novel Appliances to Be Fitted to New Atlantic Empress.

The new Atlantic steamships, Empresses of Britain and Ireland, will be fitted with the new appliances for receiving sound signals through the water. At certain important points in the St. Lawrence river submarine bells have been placed, which in thick or foggy weather are sounded automatically by pneumatic pressure. In the bow of the new Empress, on the port and starboard sides, transmitters will be fitted and connected with wires to a telephone bell in the chart room, thus the officer in charge of the ship will hear these warning bells when they are still miles away and be able to fix the position of his ship no matter what may be the state of the weather. Inasmuch as the submarine signals travel through the water without interference, are not subject to winds or waves, and give an exact location of the source of danger, it is apparent that they become an important factor of safety. The steamer James B. Whitney, of Boston, when running at full speed picked up these signals at eight miles distance, and the officer in charge said the bell sounded distinctly. Another Captain reported that he heard these signals clearly in gale, when all other signals failed. The question of expense has never been considered by the Canadian Pacific Railway when appliances can be introduced which will add to their passenger's safety.

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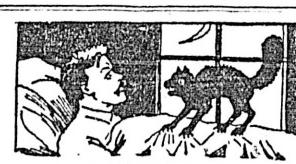
Steamer Oanfa Laden With Equipment for New Princess.

Steamer Oanfa of the Blue Funnel Line, which left Yokohama en route from Liverpool and Glasgow to Victoria, is due on Tuesday next, bringing machinery and boilers for the new Princess liner being built at the Esquimalt marine railway yards for the C. P. R. coast steamship service. The new Princess steamer is now in frame.

SAVED THE DOG.

Capt. Olson of the Brodick Castle Was a Hero at Chemainus.

Capt. Olson of the British ship Brodick Castle, which arrived on Tuesday from Soledad, Cruz, after a stormy voyage, in which the entrance to the Straits was not the least interesting part, when the vessel ran before the gale, was the hero of an adventure at Chemainus when the dog, who saved him in a fine collie dog, Capt. Olson, with Capt. Lewis of Hind Roppe & Co., and Capt. J. G. Cox was standing on the wharf at Chemainus when the dog came near. They were throwing sticks into the water trying to incite the animal to jump in and finally Capt. Olson picked up the dog and threw it in. The animal, however, was suffering



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from an injury to its hind legs and seemed likely to drown. Then the Capt. hurried to the rescue, clambering down the piles and reaching to succor the dog. While thus engaged the lady owner came and asked the other gentlemen if they had thrown the dog in, both replied promptly in the negative, for they saw the fire in the lady's eyes. Capt. Olson, thinking discretion the better part of valor, at once forgot that he threw the dog in, and said he wondered who had done so. Meanwhile he rescued the dog and received the profuse thanks of the owner. But his conscience troubled him, he says. The Brodick Castle, now in Royal Roads, is chartered to load at Chemainus for Melbourne.

THE PORTLAND A WRECK.

Victoria Divers Going to Scene of Stranded Steamer.

Steamer Amur, of the C. P. R., Capt. McLeod, which arrived at Skagway on Tuesday reports that the steamer Portland, ashore near Ketchikan, is breaking up and may be a total loss. Steamer Cottage City left Seattle last night, taking north Capt. Odum J. Humphrey, of the Alaska S. S. Co., and the tug Pioneer is to follow the Cottage City north carrying a wrecking outfit and salvage crew, pumps, etc. The Cottage City will have among her passengers Divers McHardy and Macdonald of Victoria who have been secured for the salvaging work.

The despatch from the north further states that the Portland is full of holes from her contact with the rocks on Spire Island is leaking badly. The Portland went ashore December 21 9 miles from Ketchikan. The passengers were taken to that place in small boats where they evidently waited until the arrival of the Al-Ki. It is understood that Capt. Lindquist and two men are staying by the Portland but that the rest have left the doomed vessel. The mail on the steamer was taken to Ketchikan and will be transferred to the southbound steamer.

BARCORE CHARTERED.

Fixed by Robert Ward & Co. to Load For Victoria and Vancouver.

Another cargo ship has been added to those en route to Victoria, the British iron ship Barcore having been taken up by Robert Ward & Co. and laid at Liverpoole and Glasgow for Victoria and Vancouver. The Barcore is a vessel of 2011 tons register, commanded by Capt. McKenzie. She left San Francisco on August 23rd for Liverpool. The vessel is owned by the Remond Shipping Co. of Liverpool. The British ship Beacon Rock, which left Liverpool on May 31st with general cargo including Christmas goods, for Victoria and Vancouver, put into Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, on October 16th, is still undergoing repairs there. A letter dated from Port Stanley on December 18th states that repairs are proceeding satisfactorily. German ship Emilie is also undergoing repairs there, and also the German bark Paul Lisenberg.

NO HONOLULU CALL.

Great Northern steamships will not visit Honolulu on the voyage home from Japanese ports. A new schedule will be issued within a few days, showing the sailing dates for the coming year, which will provide for direct sailings between Puget Sound and Oriental ports. This question is one that had been up ever since the line was established and was investigated by Vice President Howard James when he went to the Orient on the initial voyage of the Dakota. When Mr. James returned to St. Paul he stated that he could not recommend making Honolulu a port of call. The question was taken up again when Mr. James reached St. Paul, and an authorization statement has just been made by the company to the effect that Honolulu will not be touched by the Hill liners.

MARINE NOTES.

Soon after the commencement of the new year a meeting of the directors of the sealing company will be held to arrange for the despatch of sealers. It is expected that a larger fleet than usual will be sent out, including several vessels with white crews for Japanese waters. Captain Jacobson is reported to be preparing to build a new schooner.

The San Francisco Merchants' Exchange has received a despatch saying that the schooner Jennie Stella, from Fort Bragg via La Paz, is ashore at Natividad and will probably be a total loss. The crew has been saved.

C. W. Edwards, a well known mariner, for a number of years pilot on the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer Al-Ki, dropped dead at Ketchikan last Sunday morning, according to a message received by the company.

Steamer Ningchow of the China Mutual Line left Liverpool for Victoria on December 9, and the Yangtsze is to follow her on January 6.

Steamer Iroquois is being repaired at Chemainus, she having blown the packing from a cylinder head during the recent storm.

Lieut. Hodgson, of H. M. S. Shearwater, the officer in charge of the shop at Esquimalt on Christmas night, states that no naval officer of that vessel went on board the British ship Dutton that night as stated.

PACIFIC COAST REALTY CO.

New Local Company Organized—Will Deal in Victoria Real Estate.

With the main object of handling the realty holdings at the Pacific terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and interior agricultural and timber lands to be developed by the new transcontinental railway in the northern portion of the province, there has recently been organized and incorporated the Pacific Coast Realty Company, Limited. The company has taken spacious offices in the McGregor block and is officiated by James Anderson, manager, and J. C. Harris, secretary.

"When the definite announcement is made of the selection of the western terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway we shall open a branch office at that place also," said James Anderson, in discussing the objects of the company. "The company will have all the holding of the G. T. P. R. realty holdings throughout the province, and though we shall devote our main attention to this branch of the business, we shall also do a general brokerage business and handle Victoria urban and rural realty investments. We expect to see quite a local movement this coming spring, following the general interest in this class of investment now so noticeable on the coast, as at Seattle and Vancouver. Tacoma realty is also moving, in fact every city with the exception of Victoria is doing business in this line, and our time is now at hand."



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A Newsy Letter From Hazelton

Two Recent Weddings at Thriving Metropolis on Skeena River.

Large Number of Enterprises on Hand to Develop Northern Country.

A Hazelton correspondent, writing under date of Nov. 19th says:

Winter in Hazelton practically means isolation, for with the last trip of the steamers communication with the "outside" is only possible by canoe on a swift and dangerous river; as long as it remains open and when it freezes, by hard "mushing" over treacherous ice. Still when left to ourselves we manage to find means to pass the time.

This fall has been more lively than usual. Two of our popular townsmen Messrs. Cox and Sealy decided that "batching" was too slow and have each taken a mate home after the Rev. Mr. Carr pronounced the magic words.

The government bridge over the Bulkley river at the mouth of 2-mile creek is being steadily pushed forward by Mr. W. Williscroft, and a start has been made on the bridge and across the same river at Morristown 30 miles south of this place.

Surveyor Ross has about completed his work in this vicinity and will leave by canoe for the coast shortly.

The mail which arrived yesterday was inretched condition, having been well soaked with rain, it is said, before reaching Kitimat. Letters were open and some in part illegible. Surely when we only got 100 lbs once a month some care should be taken to deliver it in readable condition, and a number of persons here are beginning to think that this place is getting to be important enough to have a more regular mail service the year round. The price of rice has gone up since the weddings.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith of Vancouver will spend the winter here.

The telegraph office is being moved into larger and more comfortable premises.

E. C. Stevenson, contractor, has had a busy summer, five new buildings being the result of the season's work.

The Salvation Army has started a mission at Andermel, 30 miles down the river, Captain Parker in charge, who is preparing to build barracks there.

Adjutant and Captain Thorkildsen were rechristened at Glenview, this summer by Miss (Lieut.) Miller. Good work has been done there, the Indians being well housed. All have gardens which are very productive, and the Army has a steam sawmill in operation, which supplies all the lumber used in Hazelton.

The second wedding of the month took place on Wednesday 25th at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's Episcopal church, where the Rev. Mr. Field united Mr. J. C. K. Sealy of the Dominion Government Telegraph service and Miss Helen Morrison, eldest daughter of Major Morrison, manager of the Cunningham estate. Mr. J. C. Boyd gave the bride away, who was dressed in pearl grey changeable silk trimmed with cream lace and hat of material to match, with white ostrich plume, was given away by her stepfather Mr. R. E. Loring, Indian agent. The bridesmaids, Misses Ethel Loring and Irene Smith wore nun's veiling, trimmed with white ribbon, and white hats.

St. Peter's church was the scene of the interesting ceremony which joined in holy matrimony Mr. E. R. Cox leather of Mrs. Morrison of Victoria, and night operator of the Dominion Government Telegraph at this place, and Miss Constance Hankin, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Hankin of Stanstead, England, on the 9th inst at 2 p.m., by the Rev. Mr. Field. The bride was charmingly dressed in pearl grey changeable silk trimmed with cream lace and hat of material to match, with white ostrich plume, was given away by her stepmother Mrs. E. R. Cox, leather of Mrs. Morrison of Victoria, and night operator of the Dominion Government Telegraph at this place, and Miss Constance Hankin, eldest daughter of the late Thomas Hankin of Stanstead, England, on the 9th inst at 2 p.m., by the Rev. Mr. Field. The bride was charmingly dressed in pearl grey changeable silk trimmed with cream lace and hat of material to match, with white ostrich plume, was given away by her stepmother Mrs. E. R. 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Another Day Over Drawing

Further Session Yesterday of Commission Over South Park School Trouble.

Superintendent Eaton and Some of the School Trustees Are Examined.

The royal commission appointed to enquire into the alleged use of rulers in free-hand drawing at the South Park school was resumed yesterday forenoon before his honor, Judge Lampman, after an adjournment from Friday last.

The first witness called was Alex. Robinson, superintendent of education, in his evidence he stated that he was a graduate of Dalhousie college. He had been conducting the teachers' examinations at the High school when the books were examined. It was a general thing for the books to be examined by him if there was anything of a special nature attending them, but not otherwise. The drawing books from the South Park and North Ward schools of Victoria and Mt. Pleasant and Strathcona of Vancouver were all submitted to him for inspection. The examiners had recommended that the books be thrown out. It was the usual thing to send out slips with the information, and one had been sent to South Park school between the 15th and 20th of July. He was sure of the date because he had received a letter from Miss Cameron on the 21st inst., acknowledging the receipt of the mark list. Only three of the 29 pupils would have passed if he had not raised the marks for some of the pupils. No pupil had failed to pass on account of the drawing. Circulars had been sent out giving instructions as to the method of drawing.

Mr. Robinson's Evidence

Mr. Robinson stated that all the rules had gone out to the teachers; it had been distinctly stated that no ruling was to be done. On the 17th of August a letter was received from Miss Cameron about the drawings; thereupon he consulted Hon. Mr. Tatlow, and later on, on the 18th, Miss Cameron and Miss Fraser came down to examine the books. Both the teachers allowed that the datum lines had been ruled in the books, and Miss Fraser in reply to a question as to why she had said to the superintendent by letter that she had followed regulations answered that she did not know what she had said. After discussion with Miss Cameron, Miss Fraser and Miss Spier, Mr. Robinson refused to continue the examination of the books on the ground of futility. The ladies then left the office. When the board of trustees came down, they examined the books and found apparently well satisfied that there had been ruling.

After three-quarters of an hour the trustees got tired of looking at the books but they decided to throw them out as an act of discipline to the teachers. In reply to a question from Mr. Elliott, regarding the boy Boyd, Mr. Robinson said: "I have no recollection of Miss Cameron saying, 'This boy will draw a nice fine line as you know.'"

Mr. Elliott—Was not your letter written in order to entrap Miss Cameron and the teachers?

Mr. Robinson stated that he knew that Miss Cameron would take the affidavits.

With regard to the marking of the books, Mr. Robinson mentioned that he had made an arbitrary raise in favor of the books in order to let them get through.

Mr. Elliott—Why did you crawl back?

Mr. Eberts—Why don't you use technical terms; crav-fish?

Children Interviewed

Mr. Robinson again stated that he knew Miss Cameron would obtain the affidavits. The knowledge was based on his conception of her character; she had good qualities, but would carry things through. In many respects Miss Cameron was the best of organizers, she had a wonderful control over her school, but she had one objectionable habit, namely, giving notes to the children, especially in arithmetic. In other respects she was one of the best principals in the city.

Mr. Higgins—How about Ida Mc-

Witness—She came in with her father; I said in a jocular way, 'Why have you done so much ruling?' The girl cried, 'I saw that I was up against it and that it would not do to get into a controversy with anyone.' It was against any grown man's dignity to get into a controversy with a child.

Commissioner—How long have you been dealing with children?

Witness—I have my own children. When I see a ruled line I know it is a ruled line, if a hundred people say it is not.

Mr. Higgins—Will you swear that a line is ruled when the person who ruled says that it is not? (Laughter.)

In response to a question regarding Mr. Hanna, witness said that he had come over. It was useless to try and reason with Mr. Hanna or people of that kind. As quickly as possible he had gone into the office.

It transpired during Mr. Robinson's evidence that the books had never been out of the possession of the department. When they were not in the office they were under lock and key in the charge of either Mr. Robinson or Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Gragory—What were the views of the trustees?

Witness—Mr. Boggs, was hostile to the board. He was dissatisfied.

Mr. Robinson said in conclusion that he alone was responsible for the entrance examinations into the High school.

The court then adjourned till 2 o'clock.

The Case for the Trustees

On resuming after lunch Mr. Gregory, in opening the case for the trustees, went over the question from the time of the examination, going into all de-

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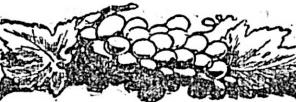
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tails in connection therewith. He called as his first witness F. H. Eaton superintendent of the city schools.

Witness was perfectly familiar with all the questions regarding the drawing lessons. He had been interviewed several times by Miss Cameron who on one occasion stated that several of the pupils had been debarred from passing owing to the low marks in drawing. He considered that it was not true that any pupil had been kept back on account of the drawing. Miss Cameron had asked his advice as to what she should do and he had told her to go to the education department for an explanation. She had written a letter in his office, to the superintendent of education, requesting an explanation. He had examined the mark list and had seen that it was not true that pupils had been debarred from entering the High school solely on account of the low marks in drawing and had written to Miss Cameron informing her. For a pupil to enter the High school he must obtain 34 per cent in every subject and 50 per cent of the total number of marks. Miss Cameron had told him that all the drawing had been done under her personal supervision and it was impossible for rulers to be used.

Mrs. Cameron had considered that the action of the department was against the ability of the teachers in charge, and according to the report the department considered that either Miss Fraser or herself were untruthful or incompetent.

He had told Miss Cameron that he would assist her with the protest if the case warranted it. He had examined the books and was satisfied that rulers had been used when it was forbidden. He had told Miss Cameron of his examination and she was rather dis pleased, and said that she thought he would be the champion for the pupils and teachers. She had asked him if he was going to do anything further and he had told her that he was going to Vancouver and would see Mr. Blair, but thought that they had better take the medicine. He was present at an interview between Mr. Robinson and Miss Cameron when they were examining the books, and Mr. Robinson had objected to Miss Cameron taking notes regarding the books. Miss Cameron had refused to look at the books when she was started to leave the room, turned called her back and told her that he thought she was making a mistake. He did not hear any remark about "this not being the time to get admissions."

Mr. Robinson stated that he was perfectly willing at any time to show every book and every drawing. He had been interviewed by Miss Fraser, who had asked him if there was nothing that could be done to induce Miss Cameron to withdraw her objections. He did not see anything to stop her. Miss Fraser was convinced that nothing could be gained by carrying the subject any further than it had gone. He had com plained that the books were not circumstantial evidence, as the books were not circumstantial evidence. He had never asked Mr. Eaton if he had given any instruction in drawing in the first division of the South Park school. He had never compared the books with those of any other school, and had never seen any books from schools that had not been accused of using rulers. With regard to the oath of a child, he considered that there were truthful children as well as adults.

Trustee Jay's Evidence

George Jay was the next witness.

American war correspondent, has been looking for a London home for some time and has at length made a very interesting choice. He has taken the house which that eccentric American genius, Whistler, made his home before he shook the dust of London from his feet.

The house, which is in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, a street famed for its associations with great writers and artists, has a huge and very curiously shaped studio, and all the rooms are weirdly and strangely arranged. The beautiful copper work on the door is one of the features of the house.

Mr. Jay has made a wonderful collection of works of art in Japan, with which he will fill the house.

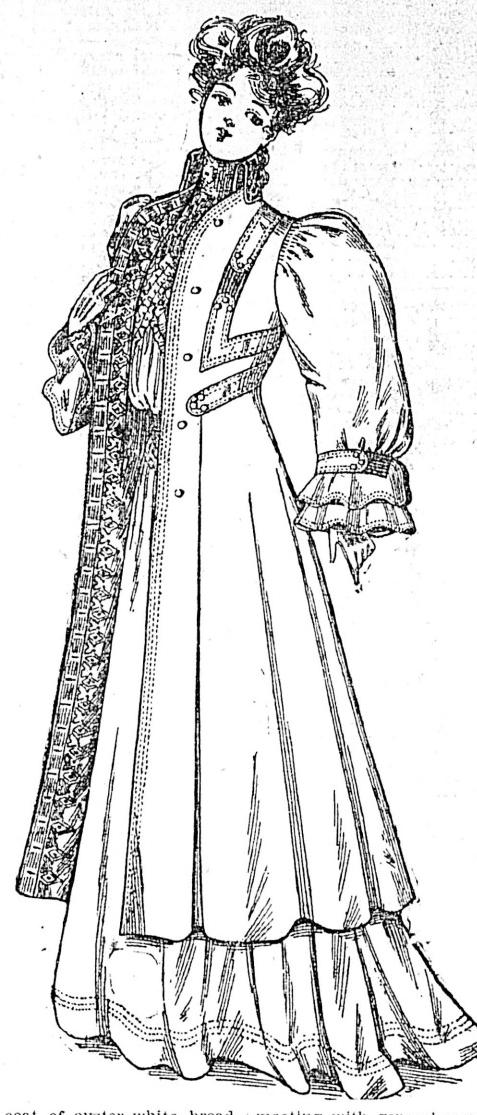
In reply to Mr. Elliott, Trustee Jay stated that he had seen the books several times. The first time was in August, when Mr. Robinson was present. He could not recall the conversation in detail, but the books inspected were selected by Mr. Robinson. He had drawn up the report for the school trustees. He did not think that it was intended to convey the idea that an examination had been made under Mr. Fulton's personal supervision. He did not consider it was a case of circumstantial evidence, as the books were not circumstantial evidence. He had never asked Mr. Eaton if he had given any instruction in drawing in the first division of the South Park school. He had never compared the books with those of any other school, and had never seen any books from schools that had not been accused of using rulers. With regard to the oath of a child, he considered that there were truthful children as well as adults.

Trustee Huggett was the next witness.

He had gone over to the department expecting to find the drawing as stated by Miss Cameron, but had found otherwise. He was in favor of Miss Cameron, but changed his opinion when he inspected the books and questioned the draughtsmen in charge of the department. From the affi-

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The election of persons wishing to qualify as "Householders" or "License-holders" at the Municipal Election to be held in January, 1906, is called to the fact that forms of declaration may be obtained and the necessary declaration made at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas Street, within office days and office hours, between, and including, December 1 and December 30 proximo.

Attention is also called to the following provision of Section 3 of the said Act, namely: "No declaration shall be accepted by the Clerk unless it is delivered within 48 hours after it is made: Provided all declarations shall be delivered before 5 o'clock in the afternoon of the day on which the list is closed by the Clerk." Hence Justices of the Peace and other authorized persons before whom the declarations will be made are respectfully requested to NOTE THE TIME, THE HOUR, AS WELL AS THE DATE, when such declarations are made before them.

As the 31st day of December, 1905, is Sunday, in order to fulfil the requirements of Section 4 of the said Act, the voters' list will be closed on Saturday, the 30th day of December, 1905, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

By Order of the Municipal Council.
WILLINGTON J. DOWLER,
City Clerk.

Victoria, B. C., November 20, 1905. 130

In the Matter of the "Companies Winding-up Act, 1898," and Amending Acts, and in the Matter of F. C. Davidge & Co.,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that F. C. Davidge & Co., Limited, having gone into liquidation under the above Acts, has appointed Sydney Child, Barrister-at-Law, of Law Chambers, Bastion Square, Victoria, B. C., its liquidator for the purpose of such winding up.

The creditors are required, on or before the 18th day of January, 1906, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names or addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, and if so required by notice in writing, from the said liquidator, are by their solicitors or personally, to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, and in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

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Typhoid Situation In the Interior

Provincial Health Department
Taking Active Steps for Suppression of Disease.

Milk Supply in Boundary District Said to Be the Cause of Outbreak.

Provincial Health Officer Dr. J. C. Fagan was yesterday in receipt of a telegram from Dr. J. E. Spanke, temporary provincial health officer for the Boundary, stating that the typhoid situation at Phoenix was well in hand. The health department also received an analysis report boxes containing 15 samples of milk and water from Phoenix, believed to be the source from which the contagion originated. Work has started on determining whether or not these samples are fit for use. Meanwhile Mowatt's dairy near the mining camp has been closed up and all suspected water supplies are stopped. Twin creek, which has its sources above Phoenix, has been closed through the town, then through Greenwood and emptied into Boundary creek, in the heart of the latter city, is also believed to be a source of contagion, and the provincial health officer has notified the medical health officer at Greenwood to forbid its use for any purpose. It might be said that Greenwood has the present typhoid water supply comes from Lind creek, and the water from Twin creek has on recent date only been used for an auxiliary in the event of a fire. The water supply at Phoenix is derived from Marshall lake and Banner springs, samples of which are among the lot received at the health department for testing.

Advances of Epidemic

That the epidemic has made terrible advances is disclosed in the report sent by Dr. Spanke to the secretary of the provincial board, which states that there were on December 22 approximately 70 cases of typhoid fever, with 10 deaths to date, and a possibility of more among the present cases. The patients were all interrogated by the local physicians, Dr. R. B. Boucher and Dr. E. S. Gordon, as to the use and source of milk, and it was disclosed that all but one were milk drinkers and obtained milk directly or indirectly from Mowatt's milk ranch. Happily there have been no cases to date at the big Grizzly boarding house, which is supplied with milk from Macey's milk ranch, and none reported among the customers of Mowatt's milk ranch.

Dr. Spanke reports a fearful condition of affairs on investigating Mowatt's milk ranch, about one-quarter of a mile out of Phoenix, where a thorough investigation was made of the stables, milk houses, milk cans, water supply, and dwelling. He characterizes the cow stables as being in a deplorable state of filth, without drainage, proper ventilation, and that dust, dirt and cobwebs dropped incessantly from the ceiling, and a foul odor prevailed. The animals were covered with filth to the udders. He describes the milk process by saying that it was carried out by first brushing the legs and udders with an old bran sack, and neither cow nor handkerchief was used. The place was yards apart in a filthy aspect, especially in the immediate neighborhood of the cow stables, where there are many pools of drainage rank with decomposition. It appears that two of Mowatt's children, a girl aged 4 and a son aged 16, are sick, but the mother has taken them to Chevelia, across the line, and no doctor attended them for many days previous to their departure.

Disease Not Due to Water

In concluding his report, Dr. Spanke says: "Typhoid is not due to the water supply, or it would be general throughout the town. No cases of typhoid have appeared in the Grizzly boarding house, where Phoenix water is used and Macey's milk supplied. There are no cases of sickness among customers of Hennen's ranch. All of the present cases, with one exception, have been milk drinkers and among the customers of Mowatt's. The above facts, taken together with the unsanitary and filthy state of Mowatt's ranch, in my opinion, prove that the actual outbreak of typhoid fever at Phoenix originated at Mowatt's milk ranch, and that infection was disseminated through the medium of milk supplied by him. I fail to see why this particular ranch was ever allowed to do business or how it ever passed inspection. I condemned everything about the place pertaining to the dairying business, and Mowatt has been suspended until such time as he can comply with every regulation covering dairies."

"So far as we know, we have obtained the source of the trouble, and that is the place where typhoid has been found," said Dr. J. C. Fagan, yesterday to a Coldest representative. "From Dr. Spanke's report I am quite satisfied that they now have the situation well in hand, which, so far as I can see at present, will not necessitate my making a trip to Phoenix. Should, however, this situation be unimproved within two weeks, I will personally make a complete investigation."

Failure to Report Typhoid

"I regret to say that the profession generally throughout the whole province have not reported cases of typhoid, as provided by the act, or as they report the other infectious diseases. It is my intention to recommend that this provision be rigidly enforced. I have written to the medical practitioner to report to the local authorities, I expect to go up there in a couple of days and inquire into the cases, and will have no hesitation in recommending that the penal clause of the regulations be carried out," he concluded.

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KIDNAPPING CHARGE WAS DISMISSED

Mrs. Durham Accused of Stealing Child Discharged by Magistrate.

The charge of kidnapping preferred against Mrs. Durham was dismissed before Police Magistrate Hall in the Police court yesterday, James Murray accused Mrs. Durham of kidnapping an adopted child, six years old from Seattle where Murray secured the custody of the child on an order issued by the Seattle Supreme court. Mrs. Murray is a daughter of Mrs. Durham, who was divorced from Murray at Seattle and the adopted child of the couple was then placed in a convent at Vancouver. Later there was a reconciliation and the couple took the child from Vancouver convent to Seattle. Trouble again arising they again separated and the wife obtained an order for the custody of the child, which order the husband attacked and upset, and had possession of the little girl until Mrs. Durham secured the child and brought the girl to Victoria, where the accused was arrested by Detective Sergeant Palmer. An arrangement will be made whereby the child will be placed in the orphan's home and Mrs. Durham and daughter will be permitted to visit the little girl.

William Kelly who was returned to Seattle from Victoria by the instrumentality of the local police a short time ago together with his fifteen-year-old wife, had a narrow escape from death at Seattle on Tuesday when Robert Mann, his wife's step-father fired at him three times with a revolver, but failed to hit him. Kelly married Eva Boda, the daughter of Mann's divorced wife by a former husband. At the time of her marriage she was the prosecuting witness against Joe Marselle, a dance hall owner. Marselle was convicted and is now under sentence of two years in the penitentiary. Kelly married for fear of prosecution. The day before the Marselle trial Kelly accepted money from Marselle and fled with his wife to Victoria. They were located and a bench warrant issued for their arrest. Two Seattle detectives were sent after them and with the aid of the Victoria police forced them to return to Seattle. The girl at the conclusion of the trial was fined \$100 for contempt of court for fleeing to Victoria. Her mother paid the fine. Mann has had several quarrels with Kelly since he married his former step-daughter.

Robt. Bell, who was accused of highway robbery, being charged with snatching a purse from Mrs. Dennis on Douglas street on Christmas eve, was again remanded.

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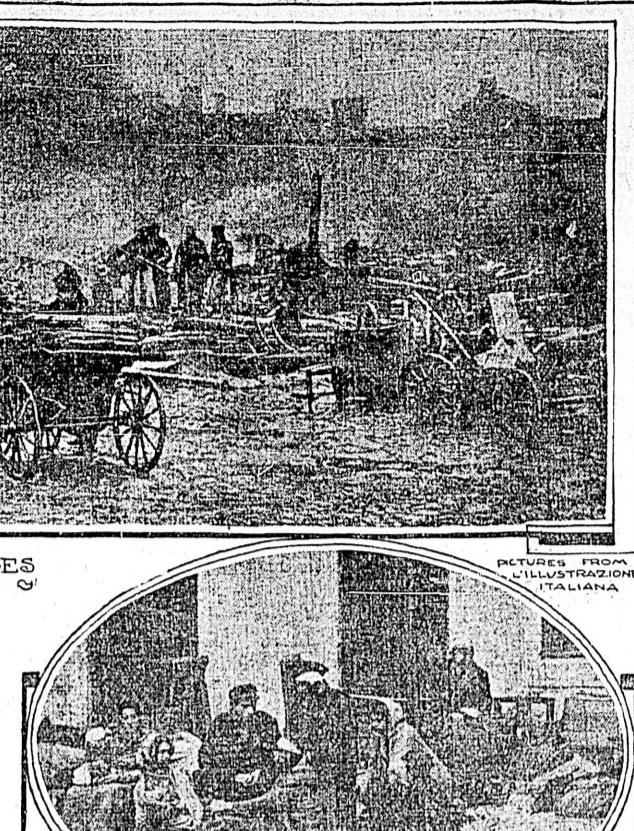
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PREPARING FOR OPENING OF HOUSE

Some Arrangements Made for the Approaching Session of Legislature.

With the opening of the provincial parliament on the 11th January next, interest once more is being centered on the legislators who will govern in the result of the election of members of the legislature.

A Colonist reporter yesterday, on his visit to the Parliament buildings found the various departments busily engaged in preparing estimates and reports which will be required as soon as the house meets.

At the last executive meeting the council resolved among other things that during the coming session there should be no bar in connection with the lunch room.

The staff to be engaged about the house during the sitting of the legislature has also been decided upon and the personnel is practically the same as last year. The familiar figure of W. J. Saunders will once more be seen parading the corridors and inaugurating the sittings of the house in his official capacity as Sergeant-at-Arms, Munro Miller will be his deputy, Richard Ryan will hold down the position of door-keeper and W. J. Musson will be His Majesty's messenger. There will also be a half dozen pages.

Assuming that the attitude of the members is the same as at the last session, of the 42 members, 23 will support the government on straight party measures leaving a possible combination of 19 in opposition. This last number including two socialists and one labor member.

Speculation is rife as to the probable attitude of the enigmatic member for Nelson—John Houston, for several months a resident of Goldfields, Nefva.

H. R. Hopkins, a former Victorian, but now proprietor of The Ledges Co., florists, of Bellevue, near Seattle, who has been spending the holidays in the city, left last night for his home.

S. S. Fowler, M. E. Nelson, came up from the Mainland last night, and is a guest at the Drury.

John B. Hart, prominent attorney of Victoria, is staying at the Drury.

Miss E. May Kettle of Vancouver is visiting Mrs. Croft of Sunnyside, Craigflower road.

S. W. Bodley of New Westminster is a guest at the Balmoral hotel.

PREPARING POPE'S JUBILEE.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Preparations are already going on to celebrate in 1908 the jubilee of the Pope's ordination as a priest. Being asked if he desired the festivity to be similar to those witnessed on the occasion of the papal jubilee of the late Pope Leo, when an international exhibition was held in the Vatican, the Pope answered: "Cet' t' il y a, not I wish the celebration to imitate his saintly religious character."

Committees will be organized all over the world with the object of preventing gossip circulating among local politicians to the effect that Mr. J. A. Mac Donald K.C., member for Rossland and leader of the Opposition is to be elevated to the cardinalate. This is said to have been his ambition for some time. This will create a vacancy in the Rossland constituency and it is more than doubtful if a Liberal candidate can be found strong enough to carry the constituency.

It is freely asserted that Mr. Smith Curtis is the only man who could do it, but he is out of politics, at least he told the Colonist man when here recently. The Colonist is well advised that this was one of the important matters discussed at the late Liberal caucus.

IROQUOIS' EXCITING TIME.

The Nanaimo Free Press in its issue of yesterday said: "Considerable anxiety was expressed yesterday over the non-arrival of the steamer Iroquois. The steamer left Victoria in the heavy weather and did not reach Retreat Cove was reached when the packing blew out of one of the cylinder heads. She put out anchors to hold her until the damage was repaired, but they were unable to hold her. From the meager particulars to hand the steamer must have had an exciting time battling with the gale, but was enabled it is understood, to finally return to Victoria, using one cylinder. The City of Nanaimo arrived today with her freight."

OF TRADE INTEREST.

Matters of Moment in Report of Canadian Agent in Australia.

CAPTAIN'S UNFORTUNATE END.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Captain Ornman Johnson, who had sailed lake and river craft for nearly forty years, was killed today at the George Hall Coal Company's plant, where he recently had been employed as superintendent. A car loaded with coal passed over his body.

Game for New Year's Day

The first International Association foot-

ball to be played in this city for a number of years will take place on the afternoon of New Year's day between the Victoria and Seattle teams. The second game between these two teams, the first having been played in Seattle at the flush of last season. Since that time the Seattle team has been considerably strengthened and will come over having an unbroken list of victories this season. They have in the last few weeks met and defeated Tacoma, Port Blakely, the Island of Seattle, etc. The latter team are considered experts at the game, having learned the mysteries of it in China during the Boxer raid, and while there met and defeated all the representatives from the different regiments. To win from this team is considered by the Seattle players to be a great achievement, and they are now confident of turning the tables on the local players.

The local team will take no chances, but will put on the strongest available team in order that they may not be downed by their American cousins.

RUGBY.

Team to Meet Vancouver

The team to represent the Victoria Rugby Football Club against Vancouver at Oak Bay on the morning of New Year's day, was selected last evening. Although the team is not as strong as expected, still a very fair aggregation has been got together. The team is not a very heavy outfit and lacks weight is made up in speed. It is entirely made up of old players, but a sufficient number have been put on to balance the team, and to encourage the younger players.

Full back will be found K. Gillespie and a better back could not be found in British Columbia. He is a sure tackle and when forced to kick he uses splendid judgment and always touch. These quarters are exceptionally strong. The entire quartette are very fast. With J. Rithet, K. Scholefield, A. Symons and A. Sargison working together some good football is looked for. The two former are too well known to need any introduction to the sporting public of Victoria. Symons is an O. C. Country player who belongs to the Victoria team and can always be relied on to make a good show. Although Sargison will be playing his first game in senior company, he is expected to make good. With such players alongside of him as Rithet and Scholefield, he will show that he knows the game. J. Bray and W. Newcombe will play half back. No better player than Bray has ever played on in Victoria and although he is rather small, he will make up for the deficiency by his steady playing. From his previous performance, Newcombe can also be relied on to put up a good game.

On the forward line will be found J. Barnacle, M. Menzies, L. Sweeney, P. Austin, W. Miller, A. Jeffs, A. McMillan and S. Symons.

It will be noticed that Macrae has been left off the team. This will weaken the team considerably, as he is a very hard player, but owing to sickness he has been compelled to remain out of the game. With this team working together it is expected that they will give the team from the Terminal City a good rub. It has been decided that W. Moresby will act as referee.

HOCKEY.

Arranging Game

It is expected that an inter-city hockey match will be played at Oak Bay on New Year's day. Arrangements towards this are being made between the Nanaimo second eleven and the Victoria. From the correspondence between the two teams, the game is very likely to be arranged. The members of the locals are therefore requested to take every opportunity to get as much practice as possible.

BILLIARDS.

Entries for Tournament

The entry list for the New Year billiard tournament to take place at the Drury hotel is filling very rapidly. Already about twenty players have signified their intention of competing, and several more are expected to enter before the list closes. The list will remain open till December 31, and the first game will be played on the evening of January 1. Before this tournament arrangements are progressing very favorably. The first game of 500 points between F. Smith and Sergi, C. P. Askey. The former has already consented, but the latter is yet to be heard from; it is expected that he will be willing to play.

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**Daily Review
Of Local Markets**

Cut in the Price of Fresh Eggs Causes Sensation Among Retailers.

Next 'Frisco Boat Will Bring Navals—Consignment of Japs Due Today.

A slight sensation was occasioned in retail circles on the announcement of a 'Frisco steamer load of fresh eggs at the dock. The general market quotation is around 50c for strictly fresh eggs. The Manitoba product remains at 30c, a dozen.

The stores are pretty well depleted in certain lines of fresh fruits, but the arrival of the next San Francisco steamer will remedy this.

Merchants are still overhauling stocks and the wholesale houses are busy filling orders. Today will see things back to normal appearance, and retailers ready for the New Year's day holiday business.

RETAIL MARKETS.

Oats, per ton \$28.00
Wheat, per ton \$35.00

Barley, per ton \$27.00
Hay (Island), per ton \$16.00

Show, per bushel \$12.00
Potatoes (Island), per ton \$20.00

Corn, whole, per ton \$31.00
Corn, cracked, per ton \$32.00

Feed cornmeal \$32.00
Oatmeal, per 10-lb. s. 45

Rolled oats, per 7-lb. sack 35

Hungarian, per bbl. \$6.00

Flour, per sack \$1.00

Paste, Flour ... 50c

Snow Flake, per sack \$1.40

Snow Flake, per bbl. \$5.25

Three Star, per sack \$1.50

Three Star, per bbl. \$5.80

Drifted Snow, per sack \$1.40

Drifted Snow, per bbl. \$5.25

Feed—

Middlings, per bag of 50 lbs. \$1.10

Bran, per bag of 70 lbs. .90

FRUIT.

Cooking figs 8 to 10

Figs, Smyrna, per lb. 15 to 25

Valencia raisins, per lb. 10

Cocoanuts, each 35

New Zealand currants 10

Best Sultanas, Smyrna 20

California Sultanas 15

Table raisins 25, 35, 50

Oranges, per dozen 50

Oranges, Jap, per box 65

Grapes, per basket 75

VEGETABLES.

Cabbage, per lb. 3

Tomatoes, per lb. 15

Onions, S. lbs. for 25

Potatoes, per 100 lbs. \$1.00 to \$1.25

Carrots, per lb. 15 to 2

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Eggs, Fresh Island, per dozen 45

Manitoba, per doz. 30

Fresh cream, per pint 30

Cheese—

California cheese, per lb. 25

Canadian cheese, per lb. 20

Butter—

Manitoba, per lb. 25

Best dairy, per lb. 25

Victoria Creamery, per lb. 25

Cowichan Creamery, per lb. 25

Delta Creamery, per lb. 25

Comox Creamery, per lb. 25

Chilliwack Creamery, per lb. 25

OIL.

Cool oil (Pratt's) per can. \$1.50 to \$1.60

POULTRY, FISH AND GAME.

Fresh Island, per dozen 45

Manitoba, per doz. 30

Fresh cream, per pint 30

Cheese—

California cheese, per lb. 25

Canadian cheese, per lb. 20

Butter—

Manitoba, per lb. 25

Best dairy, per lb. 25

Victoria Creamery, per lb. 25

Cowichan Creamery, per lb. 25

Delta Creamery, per lb. 25

Comox Creamery, per lb. 25

Chilliwack Creamery, per lb. 25

Food—

Fruit—

Apples, dozal, per box 1.50 to 1.75

Oranges, fancy, per box 1.50 to 1.75

Veal, per lb. 10 to 12

Pork, per lb. 10 to 12

Lamb, per quarter \$1.25 to \$1.75

WHOLESALE MARKETS.

A large consignment of Jap oranges will be ready for distribution to the trade some time today. Prices last night were unobtainable from the commission men.

The next San Francisco steamer, due on Friday, will have fine naval oranges and perhaps other fruits.

Ames wheat, per ton \$3.00

Manitoba wheat, per ton 30.00

Oats, Hard, per 100 lbs. \$28.00

Oats, Island, per 100 lbs. 25.00

Barley, Manitoba, per ton 28.00

Barley, Island, per ton 28.00

Flour, Hungarian, Oggyle's, Royal Household, per bbl. 5.75

Flour, Hungarian Lake of the Woods Fine Rye, per bbl. 5.75

Flour, Hungarian, Mofet's Best, 6.55

Flour, pastry flour, Mofet's Drifted Snow, per bbl. 4.40

Bran, per ton 24.00

Shorts, per ton 25.00

Middlings, per ton 28.00

Whole corn, per ton 29.00

Cooked corn, per ton 30.00

Chop feed, best, per ton 25.00

Hay, Fraser River, per ton \$12 to \$14

Lay, Island, per ton \$14 to \$16

Feed cornmeal 30.00

FRUIT.

Grapes, Malaga, per bbl. \$7.75

Grapefruit, per box \$4.00

Cranberry, per bbl. \$17.75

Apples, dozal, per box \$1.00 to \$1.35

Bananas, per bunch \$3.25 to \$3.50

Coconuts, each 8

Lemons (fancy), per box \$4.50

Lemons (choice), per box \$4.00

Pear, green, per box \$1.50

Grapefruit, per box \$4.00

Oranges, Japaneen, box 3.25

Oranges, fancy, navels, box \$2.50 to \$3.00

VEGETABLES.

Cabbages, per lb. 1.50

Turnips, per sack 5.5

Carrots, per sack 8.5

Parsnips, per sack \$1.25

Beets, per sack \$1.25

Potatoes (Mainland) 16.00

Potatoes (Island) 18.00

**Call Money at
Panic Prices****N. Y. Speculators Ignore Stri-
ngency and Maintain Prices
of Stocks.****American Smelter Reaches a
New Record But Market
Went Flat.**

New York, Dec. 27.—It proved impossible entirely to ignore the money stringency in the action of the speculation to-day, but considering the violence of the activity in the money market and the high prices of stocks, it is remarkable that it was conceded that the speculative position was maintained with remarkable equanimity. No rates have been paid for money on call as those exactly today at the stock exchange since the panic period of the spring of 1901, and the prevailing rates, from 30 to 55 per cent., were such as have proved an index of panic conditions in the stock market. The situation upon stocks proved so light that it might be said to represent little more than a cessation of the recent determined buying movement and a moderate retrenchment on the part of traders from positions on the long side. The recent determination to ignore absolutely the stringency of the market showed some signs of stability, but it was manifested in the determined bidding up of a handful of stocks in spite of the abounding effect of the money rate on the general list. American Smelting, for instance, was pushed up to a new record price, and there were vigorous advances in a few of the minor specialties. The same spirit was manifested in the market during the recent period of the panic, and the result was a decided and violent decline in the excesses of the money market.

But the market was inclined to fall into extreme dullness in the intervals when selling pressure was relaxed, and the recent decline in sterling exchange at Paris market continued the money pressure at that centre. Conditions were easier at Berlin and the Imperial Bank made a moderately strong showing in its weekly returns. The announcement of the terms of issue of the new securities in the Metropolitan to action merger resulted in some feverish movements in the group of companies, and the market had more effect in driving down the rates for foreign exchange, but despite the pressure exerted by the Bank of England and the Bank of France, the market remained flat.

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New York, Dec. 27.—The following were the closing prices on the stock exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper 101

American Locomotive 107

American Sugar Refining 160

American Car Foundry 397

Americana Smelting 247

Atchison, Santa Fe & Topeka 87

Baltimore & Ohio 113

Bethlehem Steel 50



**Legislative Assembly
PRIVATE BILL
NOTICE**

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on the 22nd day of January, 1906.
Bills must be presented to the House not later than the 1st day of February, 1906.
Reports from Committees on Private Bills will not be received after the 8th day of February, 1906.
Dated the 1st day of December, 1905.
THORNTON FELL,
42 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the Estate of John Humphreys, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," that all creditors of the Estate of the said deceased are required on or before the 9th day of January, 1906, to send particulars of their claims duly certified to the Escheat Collector, Mr. Thomas A. Wood and Henry Evans, executors of the said estate; and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned forthwith.

DATED at Victoria, B. C., this 30th day of November, 1905.

DRAKE, JACKSON & HELMCKEN,
20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors
for the said Executrix.

DATED this 16th day of November, 1905.

MARION PATTERSON.

NOTICE—The Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada for an act to amend the Act extending the time for commanding and completing an extension of its main line to Comox and the branches referred to in its Act of Incorporation, and also empowering the Company to construct and operate a railway from Comox to point at or near Campbell River; also a branch from its main line at near Duncan to Cowichan Bay; also a branch from a branch from a point at or near Englishman's River to Alberni Canal, and a branch from a point at or near Comox via Cumberland southwesterly to Alberni Canal, and giving the Company general powers to construct branch lines and for other purposes.

Dated at Victoria this 14th day of December, 1905.

W. F. SALSBURY,
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LOST—Small gold nugget brooch on Saturday. Reward at "Woolston" Andrew street, Victoria West.

LOST—Last week, a silver wire watch chain, with 2 clasps. Reward. Woodward, 23 Fort street.

LOST—On Burnside road, 22nd Inst., Irish water spaniel. Return No. 9 North Park street. Reward.

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NEW TEACHERS ARE APPOINTED

School Board Last Evening Fills Vacancies on the Local Educational Staff.

The vacant positions on the staff of the local schools were filled last evening at a meeting of the board of school trustees. Two vacancies required to be filled and an additional teacher appointed. The vacancies were caused by the resignation of Miss Nesbitt and the dismissal of Miss Cameron, the additional teacher being required for the commercial course at the High School. For the latter the choice of the board was Aaron Perry, M. A. This gentleman comes highly recommended and is well qualified to fill the duties.

To fill the vacancies S. B. Nethery and J. T. E. Palmer, B. A., were added to the staff, without being assigned to any particular school. It was decided that W. N. Winsby should be transferred from the position of principal of Victoria West to the principalship of South Park school, Mr. Deane of the South Park school being promoted to the principalship of the Victoria West school. These changes will go into effect at the commencement of the ensuing term.

The business before the meeting was as follows: The buildings and grounds committee reported that with regard to the drainage at the Hillside Avenue school it would be necessary to obtain the right-of-way through the lots in the rear of the school. To properly arrange the drainage it would cost in the neighborhood of \$400, excluding the cost of the right-of-way.

The report of the finance committee, enclosing accounts for the month, was adopted and the accounts were ordered paid. It was also decided to pay the outstanding liabilities against the High School.

Before going into committee of the whole to fill the vacant positions on the staff.

Trustee Lewis called attention to the lack of patriotism in the schools. He would like to see every room in every school in the city provided with a flag, which the pupils could be taught to salute before commencing their exercises. He thought that some effort should be made to instill in the minds of the pupils the idea of patriotism to their country, and no better manner than this could be selected.

The board then went into committee of the whole to appoint teachers to fill the vacant positions, after which the meeting adjourned.

JACKSON POISONING CASE.

A Change of Venue Applied for in the Fisher Extradition Matter.

Respecting the latest developments in the Jackson poisoning case of Vancouver, the World of yesterday's date says:

"A change of venue has been applied for in the Fisher extradition case by the Vancouver authorities. Prosecutor Faris acting for the city through his lawyers, Newcomb & Mathis, of Blaine. The application asks that the case be heard in Bellingham, where the evidence produced convinced the prosecution that a fair trial is by no means a certainty in Blaine."

"Sergeant Walker of the Victoria police department, who passed through Vancouver this morning to New Westminster in charge of a lunatic, will go to Bellingham to give evidence for the prosecution at the trial tomorrow. Sergeant Walker is a native of Victoria. His testimony will favor the contention of the prosecution that Fisher is the son and not the nephew of Mrs. Jones. Detective Sergeant Muthern has accumulated a number of depositions strengthening the case for the prosecution, and the department professes considerable confidence in its ability to secure the extradition of Fisher."

"Another bomb was thrown at the Vitina station today when the German express arrived there. The missile was badly made, however, and the explosion which resulted did not cause serious damage."

"Passengers from Moscow when 35 miles outside that city are compelled to transfer from trains to vehicles drawn by horses."

FROM GRAND FORKS.

Items of Interest From the Busy Boundary Mining Camp.

Grand Forks, Dec. 24.—An unconfirmed report is current here that a deal is pending for the purchase of the Pathfinder property on Pathfinder mountain, some twelve miles from here. It is intimated that the parties likely to take the property over are an American syndicate, the price to be paid will likely be in the neighborhood of \$150,000, which would put the value of the stock at ten cents per share, the capitalization of the present company being 1,500,000 shares—the Pathfinder is probably one of the best known properties on the North Fork; it can be put on a shipping basis at small cost and is right on the line of the proposed North Fork railway.

Dave Evans, the well known freighter left here yesterday with three tons of provisions, beans, supplies for the Kettle Valley line survey party, which are now camped at the Forks of the river some 30 miles up the North Fork. The outfit of such large supplies being furnished is proof that the company mean business as these provisions will last the survey party of sixteen men some three months.

From the reports just received no engineering difficulties worthy of mention have been encountered and there is every reason to believe that in the early spring the survey party will be replaced with numerous grading outfits.

NELSON'S CIVIC CAMPAIGN.

Preparations for Municipal Elections—The Recent Rossland Explosion.

Special Christmas Number.—With the publication of an elaborately illustrated special Christmas number in magazine form as a supplement to the Kootenay Mail of the 23rd instant, "30" is written to its history. Beginning with the new year, arrangements have been made for the amalgamation of the Kootenay Mail and the Revelstoke Herald. A company is being incorporated to take over and conduct the business of the two printeries, which has been registered with a capital stock of \$50,000. The newspaper to be issued by the Interior Publishing Company, as the new concern will be known, is to be called the Mail-Herald and will be published twice a week after the first of next month. It will be independent in politics. The company is being financially supported by the enterprising business men of Revelstoke, and it is stated that a substantial, up-to-date printing office is to be built and equipped with a view to making it a credit to the city and district generally.

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Trouble at Rossland

It seems probable that unless the War Eagle-Centre Star mines will arbitrate or compromise with the municipality of Rossland, its citizens and the neighboring miners will be in a fair way of having a contest number of suits for damages brought by persons who have suffered personal injury and others who have been affected by damage done to their property through the dynamite explosion. Last week the War Eagle mine was only able to ship a little over 4,000 tons, and the cause is ascribed to the damage done to its conveyor belt and steam plant, which, without which no work can be carried on.

Columbia avenue, the principal street in Rossland, today is still boarded up, every sheet of plate glass in the shops facing the powder magazine which blew up

TO THROW OFF RUSSIAN YOKE

Poles Preparing for Armed Insurrection Against the Autocracy.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27, 11:36 p.m.—According to information received by the revolutionary leaders here an armed rebellion on a large scale has been planned in Poland. The socialist revolutionaries, encouraged by the success of the insurgents in the Baltic provinces and of the situation in Moscow, and in Russia generally, have decided that the moment has come to try to cast off the yoke of the autocracy. The tactics to be followed are the same as those adopted at Moscow. The rising to be preceded by a general strike which already has practically come into operation, bringing about the fall of the railroads in Poland to a standstill.

An open rebellion in Poland would immediately complicate the situation for the government, if it should gain enough headway to warrant hope of success, it probably would draw in the entire population and the government would practically have to recapture the country.

The Associated Press learns that Mr. Meyer, the American Ambassador, made representations to the Russian government regarding the danger and the necessity for the protection of the property and employees of the New York Air-brake company at Lubertzi, an industrial town near Moscow and that he was promised that the protection desired would be given immediately in case of emergency. This perhaps accounts for the prompt action of General Donobassoff, governor-general of Moscow, in dispatching dragoons to Lubertzi yesterday.

"A Typical Incident"

London, Dec. 27.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, as an instance of the struggle conducted at Kharkoff, relates as follows: which he calls a "typical incident":

"A little boy was seen approaching Kounny's square, where a detachment of Cossacks were stationed. The Cossacks brutally drew a line on the child, but the boy was allowed to approach them. On arriving at the spot he swung his right hand vigorously and then turned and ran. A violent explosion prevented the Cossacks noting his further movements."

"The boy had thrown a bomb, which plowed up the ground. Fragments of horses were all around, and some of the Cossacks were convulsed in the agonies of death, while streams of blood were flowing along the torn-up roadway."

A despatch from St. Petersburg to a news agency says it is reported that the railroad for 100 miles south of Minsk has been captured by the revolutionists, and that there has been serious rioting at Kolpino, near St. Petersburg.

To Succor French Residents

Brest, Dec. 27.—It is now confirmed that the French cruiser Cassini will proceed to Cronstadt from Copenhagen. The government has placed the cruiser at the disposal of M. Bompard, the French ambassador at St. Petersburg.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Journal, in a despatch dated December 27, says:

"Another bomb was thrown at the Vitina station today when the German express arrived there. The missile was badly made, however, and the explosion which resulted did not cause serious damage."

"Passengers from Moscow when 35 miles outside that city are compelled to transfer from trains to vehicles drawn by horses."

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